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Raised Bill No. 7129

LCO No. 4276



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN ACCIDENT REPORT FOR A MOTOR
VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN WHICH A PERSON WAS KILLED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-108a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Transportation shall prescribe for the
5 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
6 and Public Protection and for each police department and officer and
7 other suitable agencies or individuals a uniform investigation of
8 accident report, in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe,
9 which form shall be followed in filing all such reports.

10 (2) In each motor vehicle accident in which any person is killed or
11 injured or in which damage to the property of any one individual,
12 including the operator, in excess of one thousand dollars is sustained,
13 the police officer, agency or individual who, in the regular course of
14 duty, investigates such accident, either at the time of or at the scene of

15 the accident or thereafter, by interviewing the participants or
 16 witnesses, shall, [within] not later than five days after completing such
 17 investigation, complete and forward one copy of such report to the
 18 Commissioner of Transportation. Such report shall [call for and]
 19 contain all available [detailed] information relating to [disclose] the
 20 location and cause of the accident, the conditions then existing, the
 21 persons and vehicles involved and the names of the insurance
 22 companies issuing their automobile liability policies, as well as the
 23 enforcement action taken, if any, and, in the case of a motor vehicle
 24 accident in which any person is killed, such report shall, if possible and
 25 practicable, reach a conclusion as to the cause of the accident. If such a
 26 conclusion cannot be reached, the investigating officer, agency or
 27 individual shall state in such report the reasons why a conclusion
 28 cannot be reached and the officer, agency or individual shall refer the
 29 case to the state's attorney for the judicial district in which the accident
 30 occurred, who may refer the case to the Division of State Police within
 31 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for
 32 review and further investigation. The Commissioner of Transportation
 33 shall forward to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles one copy of each
 34 report of any accident involving a school bus. The Commissioner of
 35 Motor Vehicles may inquire into or investigate any accident reported
 36 pursuant to this subsection and may request the assistance of the
 37 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
 38 and Public Protection for such purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2017	14-108a(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that an investigation of an accident report completed with respect to a motor vehicle accident in which any person was killed shall reach a conclusion as to the cause of the accident, or be referred to the state's attorney who may refer the case to the State Police for further investigation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]